

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10. These sheets (which Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10) replace the original drawing sheets for Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10.

REMARKS

The Official Action constitutes a Quayle Action, in which the Office indicated that the drawings are objected to because the replacement drawing sheets for new Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10 have not been received by the Office.

Further, the Office also indicated that claim 10 is objected to because claim 10 is improperly labeled as "claim 9", thereby resulting in two claims each labeled claim 9 which are followed by a claim 11.

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Prosecution of the merits is closed in accordance with Ex parte Quayle.

In reply, Applicants have attached herewith the replacement drawing sheets for new Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10 to replace the corresponding original drawing sheets. The replacement drawing sheets contain revised drawing figures that the noted informalities in the drawings. Thus, the present amendment overcomes this objection to the drawings.

Claim 10 is amended to be properly labeled as indicated on page 3 of the Official Action.

Claim 1-7, 9 and 11-31 were allowed.

Having addressed all of the issues in the Official Action, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- the replacement drawing sheets for new Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8-10